



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.2  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 17% very short, 36% short, 45% adequate, and 2% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Scattered showers were received in some parts of the state last week, which helped ease dry conditions. Harvesting of sorghum was completed. Rice harvest edged closer to completion, with the ratoon crop reported to be in good condition. The cotton crop progressed well, with 63% harvested, surpassing the five-year average by 34 points. Some soybean producers were spraying defoliant on late beans, while many others were already busy harvesting. Sugarcane producers planted sugarcane and prepared equipment for harvest. Many grain farmers were beginning to prepare land for wheat planting.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Citrus producers were scouting crops. Strawberry producers were busy planting. Vegetable producers continued working crops. Crawfish producers were flooding ponds.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Showers and cooler conditions improved pasture and livestock conditions. The second cutting of hay was completed. Cattlemen were preparing fields for ryegrass planting.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	98	99	95
	Harvested	63	47	66	29
Hay	Second Cutting	100	99	99	97
Rice	Harvested	98	96	95	92
Sorghum	Harvested	100	99	100	97
Soybeans	Turning Color	97	91	98	93
	Dropping Leaves	88	82	87	83
	Harvested	67	59	64	58
Sugarcane	Planted	89	86	93	83
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	28	20	30	26

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	28	37	27	7
Sugarcane	10	17	34	31	8
Livestock	3	11	40	42	4
Vegetables	7	22	41	29	1
Sweet Potatoes	6	6	20	68	0
Pasture	9	22	42	25	2

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